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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A container comprising:

a pocket;

a drawer slidable relative to said pocket in an axial direction between a closed position within said pocket and an opened position at least partly out of said pocket; and

a latch mechanism having a first latch component on said pocket and a second latch component on said drawer;

said first latch component being a track component disposed in said pocket, including:

a portal;

a nest;

an entrance track leading to said nest;

an exit track from said nest; and

a redirector associated with said nest and said tracks; and

said second latch component being a follower disposed in a slot within said drawer, movable along said tracks and movable into and out of said nest upon transition from said entrance track to said exit track;

said track component being substantially fixed relative to said pocket; and

said follower being translatable transverse to said axial direction with respect to said drawer, such that said follower is freely movable in an unbiased state along said slot from one end of said slot to an opposite end of said slot, wherein said portal of said first latch component is configured to receive said follower regardless of the position of said follower within said slot as said drawer is slid into said pocket.

2 - 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1, said drawer having an inner end and said follower disposed at said inner end.

5 - 7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1, said pocket having a spring engaged by said drawer for urging said drawer outwardly from said pocket.
9. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1, said track component including a guide leading into said entrance track.
10. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 1, said pocket having a top with an inner surface, and said track component disposed on said inner surface.
11. (Cancelled)

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12. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic container comprising:

a pocket having a bottom, a top, opposed sides between said bottom and said top and an end, said pocket having an open end;

a drawer defining at least one compartment for a cosmetic, said drawer being slidable in an axial direction relative to said pocket between an opened position in which said drawer is at least partly exposed out of said pocket and a closed position in which said drawer is contained in said pocket; and

a latch mechanism having a first latch component on said pocket and a second latch component on said drawer;

said first latch component being a track component disposed in said pocket, including a wall defining a substantially enclosed space with a portal in said wall, a nest in said space, said nest defining a notch, an entrance track from said portal to said nest, an exit track from said nest to said portal, and a redirector associated with said nest and said tracks;

said second latch component being a follower disposed in a slot within said drawer, movable along said tracks and guided by said redirector to move into and out of said notch upon transition from said entrance track to said exit track;

said track component being substantially fixed relative to said pocket; and

said follower being translatable transverse to said axial direction with respect to said drawer, such that said follower is freely movable in an unbiased state along said slot from one end of said slot to an opposite end of said slot, wherein said portal of said first latch component is configured to receive said follower regardless of the position of said follower within said slot as said drawer is slid into said pocket.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The cosmetic container of claim 12, said drawer having an inner end including said slot.

15. (Original) The cosmetic container of claim 14, said pocket having a spring engaged by said drawer for urging said drawer outwardly from said pocket.

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16. (Original) The cosmetic container of claim 15, said track component including a guide leading into said entrance track.

17. (Original) The cosmetic container of claim 16, said pocket having a top with an inner surface, and said track component disposed on said inner surface.

18. (Previously presented) The cosmetic container of claim 12, said redirector including a first surface for guiding said follower into said notch from said entrance track, and a second surface for guiding said follower into said exit track from said notch.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for using a cosmetic container, comprising steps of:

providing a pocket and a drawer slidable into the pocket;

providing a push-to-latch, push-to-unlatch latch mechanism including a track component on the pocket and a follower component on the drawer, the follower disposed within a slot in the drawer, the track component including a portal to receive the follower;

providing a cosmetic in the drawer;

inserting the drawer into the pocket, wherein the follower is configured to be freely movable in an unbiased state along the slot in the drawer from one end of the slot to an opposite end of the slot, and wherein the portal of the track component is configured to receive the follower regardless of the position of the follower within the slot as the drawer is inserted into the pocket;

pushing the drawer to a fully inserted position and releasing the drawer to latch the mechanism;

from a latched position pushing the drawer to a fully inserted position and releasing the drawer from the fully inserted position to unlatch the mechanism; and

exposing the cosmetic contained in the drawer.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, including pulling the drawer from the unlatched position to a fully opened position.